

Preface

Congress requires the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) to report on transportation statistics to the President and Congress. *Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2000* is the seventh such report prepared in response to this congressional mandate, laid out in 49 U.S.C. 111 (j). The report discusses the extent and condition of the transportation system; its use, performance, and safety record; transportation's economic contributions and costs; and its energy and environmental impacts. All modes of transportation are covered in the report.

The report has a new format this year, intended to make it easier for readers to find the information in which they are interested. The BTS publication, *National Transportation Statistics* has more comprehensive and longer time series, tabulated data than could be accommodated by the new format. Another BTS report, *Transportation Indicators*, provides quarterly, monthly, and in some cases, weekly updates for over 90 indicators pertinent to transportation. Both of these documents are available online at www.bts.gov.